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Dear Apartment Association of North Carolina and NC REALTORS:

I would like to thank your members statewide for assisting tenants during the COVID-19 pandemic who are struggling to pay rent. Safe housing is critical during this pandemic and I appreciate your efforts to help tenants remain safely and securely housed and protected from the significant health risks of losing their homes during the pandemic.

I also recognize that Apartment Association of North Carolina (AANC) and NC REALTORS members are experiencing significant financial stress during this time due to instability in rental income.

There is a path forward to prevent evictions and provide emergency financial assistance to stabilize rental housing. I support the House Bill 1200 to create a rental assistance payment program, an important strategy that would help tenants as well as your members. I appreciate your hard work to help shape this legislation and urge you to keep working toward its adoption.

I issued Executive Order 142 to provide North Carolinians with relief during this unprecedented time. As that order expires, I urge AANC and NC REALTORS members to continue your critical, ongoing efforts to work with tenants to help prevent evictions during the pandemic and ensure safe, stable, and healthy housing for renters.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper

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